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Israel

Declaration on MFO -- The Government Press Office published the U.S.-Israeli joint declaration concerning the participation of European countries in the Sinai Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), which notes that the United States has received "clarifications" from the United Kingdom, France, Italy and the Netherlands acknowledging that the role of the MFO is as described in the relevant Egyptian-Israeli agreements and that these states attach no political conditions, "linked to Venice or otherwise," to their participation in the force. According to the declaration, the United States and Israel also agree that the basis for participation in the MFO by any country is the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and protocol, that the functions and responsibilities of the MFO are defined in the peace treaty and the protocol and that there can be no derogation from or reservations about them. The declaration includes a statement of U.S. understanding of Israel's concerns regarding the declarations by the four European participants about their decision to participate and U.S. acknowledgement that some of the points in those declarations are at variance with U.S. positions on the future of the peace process. It reiterates U.S. and Israeli commitment to the Camp David agreements.

Jerusalem radio's English service reported that the European countries will be required to furnish letters of acceptance of the declaration and that Israel may reserve the right to make these letters public at some future date. It added that the Europeans will not be asked to retreat from their stated positions regarding peace moves in the Middle East.

Strategic Cooperation -- Citing sources in Jerusalem, IDF radio reported that the U.S.-Israeli memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation leaves Israel free to defend itself against the states surrounding it and gives it the right to "demand" U.S. intervention in situations that Israel would find difficult to handle alone. At the same time, it contains a "breakthrough" in the sphere of Israeli arms exports that include U.S.-made components, improves the distribution of U.S. aid funds to include arms procurement in Israel and provides for intelligence cooperation. According to MA'ARIV, some of these points were agreed on by Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon in talks with members of the U.S. administration after the memorandum was signed, and they are to remain classified. MA'ARIV said other points include agreement on joint exercises, storage of combat equipment and aid to Israel's economic and military infrastructures. Jerusalem radio stressed that the use of Israeli Defense Forces under the provisions of the memorandum will be determined by the extent of the "direct threat" to Israel's survival.

Begin Interview -- In an interview with the French magazine LE FIGARO, Prime Minister Menahem Begin asserted that Saudi Crown Prince Fahd's Middle East peace plan is meant to "liquidate" Israel gradually. He denied that the plan includes recognition of Israel and said that even if it did, recognition provides no protection for the future. Begin added that the United States, France and the United Kingdom are making a very serious mistake in attempting to win Saudi Arabia as an ally, because Saudi Arabia is "rotten to the core and plunged in medieval darkness" and would therefore be an untrustworthy, weak and unstable ally.

Asked about the Syrian missiles in Lebanon, Begin replied that he had given the United States time to have them withdrawn, but that the situation could not go on "indefinitely."

Egypt

According to Cairo radio, President Husni Mubarak held a 3-hour meeting in Aswan with Sudanese President Ja'far Numayri. At a press conference after the meeting, reported by the radio, President Mubarak said they had discussed the positions of and disputes among the Arab countries, as well as the Fes summit. He added that Egypt "opens its arms" to any Arab state and stressed that it will not respond to attacks by its "Arab brothers." President Numayri told reporters that he and President Mubarak had agreed to work for Arab solidarity, but he denied he was in Aswan to mediate between Egypt and any other state. Numayri went on to express regret at the results of the Fes summit conference, asserting that it failed because Libya, Syria and other states are working to divide the Arabs for tactical reasons.

Syria

Damascus radio broadcasts the text of President Hafiz al-Asad's presidential decree "amending" the cabinet under Prime Minister 'Abd ar-Ra'uf al-Kasm. According to the Jordanian newspaper AR-RA'Y, citing QNA, the new cabinet includes two communists -- one as minister of communications and one as a minister of state.

Jordan

Amman radio reported that U.S. special envoy Philip Habib met with King Husayn to review the Middle East situation and the Lebanese problem. Other Amman radio reports noted Habib's separate meetings with Prime Minister Mudar Badran and Foreign Minister Marwan al-Qasim.

PDRY-YAR

San'a' radio broadcast the text of the agreement signed in Aden on 2 December by YAR President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih and PDRY Chairman 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, which provides for the establishment of a joint council to follow up and facilitate the implementation of the unity agreements the two countries have signed. A joint ministerial committee will also be established to oversee the implementation of joint projects and a secretariat will undertake coordination of joint economic, educational, cultural and information projects listed in the agreement. The agreement also stipulates that citizens of the two countries will have the right to travel from one to the other with an ordinary identity card.

The secretariat will also coordinate foreign policy, and the two countries pledge to oppose the establishment of "hostile" foreign military bases in the region and to take political, diplomatic and economic measures against the United States and other states that support Israel.

Saudi Arabia

Riyadh radio reported that Information Minister Muhammad 'Abduh Yamani denied a 1 December Washington POST story that Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states had offered Oman $1.2 billion to induce it to refuse military facilities on its territories to forces foreign to the region. Yamani called such reports part of a renewed Western media campaign against the Kingdom.

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PAKISTANI 'ALLEGATIONS' OF ATTACKS DENIED

LD031653 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Text] International imperialism, hegemonism and the authorities of the Pakistani military government, in their series of ever-fictitious allegations, have yesterday once again spread such rumours that two DRA Armed Forces helicopters fired on a Pakistani bus at a region in Baluchistan as a result of which several people were killed or injured. The Pakistan militarist authorities have said also that these helicopters fired on a Pakistani border post too.

A spokesman for the DRA Ministry of National Defense, in reply to a question by the BAKHTAR correspondent in this regard, resolutely and categorically denied these hollow and completely slanderous accusations, adding that this is not the first time that imperialism, hegemonism and the Pakistani authorities are making such slanderous and baseless allegations against the DRA.

The Government of Pakistan has also previously accused the DRA of border violations. Of course, the previous allegations were refuted at the time.

The spokesman said that Pakistan makes such allegations against the DRA to divert world public opinion, in particular to divert the opinion of the fraternal Pakistani people from the internal events in that country and, at a time when the Pakistan underground is considering other political intrigues.

As is known to our dear compatriots, these allegations are made against the DRA at such a time when Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz is currently visiting Pakistan and having talks with Gen Ziaul Haq and Pakistani Defense Minister 'Al Ahmad Talpur. The aim of this visit is to provide more than $1 billion, the cost of the first batch of U.S. F-16 fighters to Islamabad.

Another reason, that we have several times previously pointed out, is that the Pakistani authorities do not want to give a positive reply to the DRA's peaceful and beneficial proposals and they thus confuse the public opinion of the fraternal Pakistani people by these slanderous and deceptive accusations.

The DRA Government, while continuing its efforts to find a peaceful solution to the situations surrounding Afghanistan, will resort to every possible means in order to eliminate every aggression on its soil from abroad.

While we refute resolutely these baseless and slanderous allegations once again, we declare clearly that the DRA has never had the intention of encroaching on the soil of another and is itself a peace-loving country; it wants to have friendly relations with all countries, in particular with its neighbors.

UK PAPER ON BROADCASTS TO SOVIET TROOPS

PM031337 London THE DAILY TELEGRAPH in English 3 Dec 81 p 4

[John Miller report: "Guerrilla Radio for Kabul"]

[Text] Soviet troops in Afghanistan are beginning to hear on their personal and military radios that they are committing aggression and fighting a war they cannot win.

A new anti-communist group, the Radio Free Kabul Committee, said yesterday that three light-weight portable radio transmitters were already in use, operated by guerrillas and broadcasting in Russian and local dialects.

Mr Winston Churchill, MP, said the transmitters were operating on a variable frequency and could be heard by Russian troops both in their barracks and through their tank and armoured car radio receivers.

The committee is hoping to raise money in Britain to supply 36 transmitters to the Afghan guerrillas and "cover the whole country."

Mr Vladimir Bukovskiy, a prominent Soviet dissident who was expelled to the West and who is writing Radio Free Kabul's commentaries, said broadcasts were aimed at trying to "counter the lies and propaganda put out by Moscow over the war in Afghanistan.

He said the Soviet Union had already shown it was concerned about Radio Free Kabul's activities and had strongly attacked them in the Soviet press.

AGENTS REPORTEDLY POSTED TO AFGHAN EMBASSIES

TA031616 London BBC World Service in English 1600 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Text] A senior official in the Afghan Foreign Ministry who recently defected to Pakistan has alleged that the government in Kabul has been appointing intelligence agents to their embassies in Iran, Pakistan and India to stir up trouble amongst refugee groups. The official said that out of a list of recent diplomatic postings 10 had no diplomatic experience. The official said all the decisions of the Afghan Foreign Ministry were now being taken by Soviet advisers who were systematically investigating top secret ministry papers going back many years.

REBELS 'CRUSHED' IN ANDKHVOY, FARYAB PROVINCE

LD231722 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 23 Nov 81

[Text] As a result of the vigilance and awareness of the revolution defenders, a terrorist criminal band that, under the instruction of its American, Egyptian and Chinese masters, was engaged in murder, looting and the killing of innocent people and children in Andkhvoy District, in Faryab Province, was recently crushed and the ringleaders of this evil gang were captured.

The ringleaders of these CIA mercenaries -- Khayr Mohammad, son of (Eshan), inhabitant of Kolali Khana Street; Khwaja, son of Qadir, inhabitant of Bostan village of Andkhvoy District -- confessed their debased and thieving actions, directed by their Egyptian and Chinese masters. The confessions of these thieves and servants of reactionary circles will be brought to the information of the dear compatriots in the near future.

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REBELS PLEDGE LOYALTY -- In Chahar Darreh subdivision of Qonduz Province, 15 former rebels have surrendered to the local party branch and rejoined the revolutionary government and the people. They also pledged loyalty to the DRA and promised to fight the terrorist. [Kabul in Urdu to South Asia 1330 GMT 2 Dec 81 GF]

REPENTANT REFUGEES RETURN -- Thirty-three families belonging to the country's eastern provinces of Konarha, Nangarhar and Laghman who had been led astray by the misleading propaganda of the country's enemies have returned to the homeland. [Kabul in Urdu to South Asia 1330 GMT 1 Dec 81 GF]

COTTON SALE TO BULGARIA -- A contract for the sale to Bulgaria of 1,500 tons of combed cotton from the Spinzar Company was concluded in the Ministry of Mines and Industries. Under the contract, the export of cotton to Bulgaria will begin in January 1982. The contract is worth $2.4 million. [Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 2 Dec 81 LD]

MORE ON AFGHAN GUNSHIP ATTACK ON VILLAGE

BK040446 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Text] According to latest reports received from Quetta, two persons out of three who received injuries yesterday during the Afghan gunship attack near Inam Bostan have died, raising the total number of deaths to seven.

According to official sources, some of the serious violations of Pakistan's airspace were committed during the past 17 months, resulting in death to 6 others and injuries to 28 persons.

In each case, two to five Afghan helicopter gunships and one to two Afghan Air Force planes were involved. They fired machineguns, rockets and bombs.

A media team visited today the site of the Afghan helicopter gunship attack yesterday. Eyewitnesses told the team that the Afghan helicopter gunships attacked a pickup which was carrying civilians near Pakistan border post Inam Bostan. Driver of the pickup (Abdul Mannan) told the media team that while he was plying to Nushki, well within Pakistan territory, two Afghan helicopters suddenly appeared on the scene and started rocketing and strafing the vehicle. He said the Afghan helicopters fired hundreds of rounds and 8 to 10 rockets on the vehicle. The driver said that he, along with other passengers, abandoned the vehicle, but the Afghan helicopters continued firing on them.

Eyewitnesses said that the Afghan helicopters attacked a civilian passenger bus between (Baldi Jan) and (Isa Jan) villages. Driver of damaged bus (Wali Mohammad) told the media team that the strafing and rocketing was so intensive that he feared the nobdoy would escape. After the strafing and rocketing was over, the driver said, by the grace of God, several passengers escaped unhurt. He said another passenger bus was hit between (Isa Jan0 and Dar. Eyewitnesses further said, before their retreat, the Afghan helicopters strafed a third bus plying in the area. The Afghan helicopters retreated when fired upon by the nearby Pakistan militia post at Inam Bostan. The media team was also shown empty shells and splinters at the site.

SHAHI RENEWS PROPOSAL FOR PEACE TALKS WITH INDIA

BK031640 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Text] Foreign Minister Agha Shahi has again said that Pakistan is ready to hold early talks with India on mutual guarantees of nonaggression and the nonuse of force.

Talking to newsmen in Islamabad this evening, he recalled that Pakistan presented this offer on 15 September and again on 22 November when it was formally handed over to the Indian ambassador together with a diplomatic note. He said Pakistan has still not received a reply to its proposal.

When his attention was drawn to the recent statement by the Indian prime minister that India is ready to hold talks with Pakistan on a no-war pact, the foreign minister welcomed such a statement. He said Pakistan's offer is not a diplomatic tactic but is rather a serious proposal which has been presented in all sincerity. With a hint of willingness from India, talks can begin immediately.

Referring to the statement by India's minister of state for defense that India is increasing its military capability in view of the sale of F-16 fighter planes and other sophisticated weapons by the United States, Agha Shahi said there is no need to reply to these steps because India enjoys a superiority with respect to all types of weapons. He added that Pakistan has not yet received these weapons and that Pakistan's Armed Forces will have to wait many years for some of them.

The foreign minister said the statement by India's minister of state is misleading when he says that the arms being acquired by Pakistan from the United States will be utilized on the eastern borders. He said the fact is that Pakistan is acquiring these arms for its defense. He said such statements will not help in the process of developing mutual confidence and friendship between the two countries.

When asked to comment on the charge by India's minister of state that the number of weapons being acquired by Pakistan is in excess of its just defense needs, Agha Shahi said that in order to avoid such baseless and imaginary matters Pakistan presented a proposal 2 years ago that the authorities of both countries should decide through mutual discussions the number of weapons and the kinds of forces each country should possess. He also said Pakistan will never claim that it should enjoy military equality with India. He said Pakistan still stands by that proposal but unless there is pact in this regard both countries are free to acquire whatever weapons they choose according to their defense needs.

Agha Shahi said that Pakistan still adheres to its proposal that atomic weapons should be renounced on a mutual basis or, alternatively, that they should inspect each other's atomic facilities according to a method acceptable to India. He recalled that the first step in this regard has been taken in a joint declaration of the two foreign ministers issued on 10 June of this year. In this declaration it was said that both countries will utilize atomic energy only for peaceful purposes.

The foreign minister again said that Pakistan is ready to hold early talks through diplomatic channels on a pact which would be acceptable to both countries and under which they would agree not to threaten to use any type of force against each other and to solve existing and future disputes by peaceful means. He said such agreements will further strengthen the Simla Agreement.

HAQ ON NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION, COMMONWEALTH

BK281004 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 28 Nov 81

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said Pakistan is trying to acquire atomic technology for peaceful purposes in order to meet shortages in the energy sector.

He said this in an interview published in the Hong Kong magazine ASIAWEEK.

When asked if India were prepared to sign a nuclear nonproliferation treaty would Pakistan do likewise, the president said: If India were to sign this treaty, Pakistan would immediately sign it, because my only demand is that there should be no discrimination against Pakistan.

In reply to a question about Pakistan's readmission to the Commonwealth, he said Pakistan wants to join the Commonwealth, but with dignity and honor.

SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER CALLS ON HAQ

BK040537 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Text] Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz made a farewell call on President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Rawalpindi this evening. The Saudi defense minister remained with the president for some time and exchanged views on matters of mutual interest. He presented a piece of the gilaf-e-ka'ba [cover of the ka'ba] to the president in recognition of his services to the cause of Islam and the Muslim world. The piece of the gilaf, with embroidered verses from the holy Koran, remained at the door of the holy ka'ba for a year.

The Saudi defense minister visited the Tarbela Dam today. He was received at the dam by Federal Minister for Water and Power Raja Iskandar Zaman and the Wapda chairman.

The prince, accompanied by the federal defense minister, also visited the Pakistan aeronautical complex at Kamra. Earlier in the morning, the Saudi defense minister called on Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff Committee Gen Mohammad Iqbal Khan in Rawalpindi and discussed matters of mutual interest.

Visits Refugee Camp

BK041115 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 4 Dec 81

[Text] Saudi Arabian Defense Minister Prince Sultan ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz has said the Afghan issue is not the problem of the people of Afghanistan alone but it has emerged as the problem of the entire Muslim world and attracted the attention of the world community.

Talking to Afghan refugees at a tented village at Nasirbagh near Peshawar today, he said that the government and the people of Saudi Arabia shared their emotions and wished them success in their struggle. On this occasion Prince Sultan ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz announced a donation of 1 million rupees for the relief of Afghan refugees and construction of a mosque, darul-uloom [mosque school] and a health center at a tented village.

Earlier, an elder of the Afghan refugees praised the government and the people of Pakistan for providing them shelter and other humanitarian assistance. He also expressed gratitude for the Saudi Arabian assistance.

NWFP Governor Lt Gen Fazle Haq and Federal Defense Minister Mir Ali Ahmad Khan Talpur were also present on the occasion.

Later, the Saudi defense minister called on the NWFP governor and discussed with him matters of mutual interest. He presented to the governor a copy of the holy Koran and other souvenirs. The governor also presented tribal daggers and a chitrali chugha [cloak] to the prince and the members of the entourage.

XINHUA DELEGATION ENDS 2-WEEK VISIT 3 DEC

BK030843 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Text] The XINHUA delegation, led by Miao Hailing, left Karachi this morning following a 2-week-long visit to Pakistan. During their stay in our country, the members of the delegation visited several cities and met with various personalities and officials.

BRIEFS

PRC TECHNICAL DELEGATION -- A 14-member PRC technical experts team arrived in Islamabad 30 November. It will attend a ceremony to mark the beginning of trial production in the Naushera sheet glass factory. It is expected that the trial production will begin in 2 or 3 days and commercial production in the plant will begin within 2 months. [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 1 Dec 81 BK]

OPEC FUND LOAN -- The International Development Fund of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries has approved a $25-million, interest-free loan for Pakistan. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 1 Dec 81 BK]

MUSAVI, KHOMEYNI VIEW PURGES, WAR, OTHER ISSUES

LD031304 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Text] Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi met and conferred with Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, today. In this meeting the prime minister submitted a report on the latest developments and affairs in the country as well as on the situation in Iranian Embassies and on his trip to Sistan va Baluchestan. At the end of this meeting, our reporter interviewed the prime minister and asked him about the issues raised in the presence of the imam, the situation in the embassies, recent victories in the war and the purges in government departments.

Concerning the issues raised in the imam's presence, the prime minister said: In this meeting, I submitted a report on my recent trip to Baluchestan. I informed the imam about the difficulties existing there, the programs which are to be implemented by the government there, the changes which have come about there since the revolution, especially the dam and water supply projects and the fishing and smuggling problems. I mentioned that the gendarmerie and the brother guards play the main role there in these problems. The implementation of development projects will naturally put an end to these problems. The imam issued guidelines on all these topics.

The second issue raised in the presence of the imam concerned the embassies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I informed the imam about our shortages of human resources in this area and said: In order to find trustworthy individuals to gradually transform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we would need 700-800 individuals. It is not possible to hire them very quickly and through advertising. There are some embassies abroad which cannot act in the revolutionary way that our committed and revolutionary students wish them to act. Naturally, these students should not expect so much of these embassies. These embassies play a very special role in connection with our economy and our policies. Centers should be created for the students and facilities should be placed at their disposal so that they can act in a revolutionary manner. I shall make an analogy so that our committed brothers abroad will understand the problems. The relations between the students and Islamic societies and the embassies should be exactly like the relations between revolutionary organizations and government departments. In our system the departments have a role which cannot be eliminated. This is an important role and once they are transformed they can play a constructive role in the service of the revolution. The revolutionary organizations have different duties and play a different role. We advise our brothers that in dealing with the embassies they should not engage in actions which might harm the revolution. We urge them to make contacts with Tehran and Iran so that they will be able to organize their activities. All the facilities of the government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are at their disposal so that they may pursue their activities in a revolutionary manner. However, they should know, as I also mentioned another time, that the embassies cannot play the role of Islamic societies. They have a completely different role to play. This was an issue which I briefly brought to the attention of the imam. Of course, the imam had some complaints about the situation in the embassies. This is a warning to all our embassies and to all the embassy officials to transform their working habits and change the situation.

Another issue which we should bear in mind and to which I referred in my remarks to the imam is that we used to have some individuals abroad who, contrary to some committed individuals who are at the service of the order of the Islamic Republic, were corrupt.

We summoned them home, but as soon as we did so, they became political refugees, for instance in Hamburg and Denmark. It is possible for such cases to occur. Such defections should not be regarded as a weakness on the part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. These people are individuals who like to serve Europe and America. They like to have Western masters. They do not like the revolutionary order of Iran which is governed by a divine value system. This is a sign of the strength and potency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We should also bear in mind, generally speaking, sitting in judgment concerning the embassies by the brothers from Islamic societies [sentence left unfinished] Of course, I wish to say that we can close the embassies only when they do more harm than good. At the moment, the embassies are in the service of the Islamic Republic of Iran and are playing a very great role in formulating our economic relations with foreign countries. Closing down the embassies will please the U.S. imperialism which is trying to isolate us.

The question was asked: What are your views on the victories won by our forces on the battlefields, and how do you see the future of the war? The prime minister said: The war will certainly end with the victory of the forces of truth. Our forces have shown that they fight with devotion, self-sacrifice and faith. In this war we are not dependent upon tools; we depend upon faith. Faith will always triumph over tools and blood will triumph over the sword. This is a famous sentence uttered by the imam of the nation. By sword we mean the tools which the blood emanating from the deep faith of the masses and of divine values has overcome. At the moment, we are witnessing this on the battlefields. Of course, in my view, these victories will change the face of the Middle East. An important matter repeatedly stressed by the officials in this country is that this war is the war between Islam and blasphemy; it can in no way be ended through compromise. It can only end through the defeat of the satanic forces of the enemy. It is now up to the Iraqi people to stage an uprising against their satanical rulers so that the Iraqi children are no longer killed in our land.

In the same way that we feel sorry for the death of our own martyrs we feel sad when any harm comes to the Iraqi nation. However, it is natural that as long as there is no profound movement within the Iraqi nation, we must continue our attacks in order to punish Saddam and so, despite our inner wishes, the Iraqi nation will be harmed further. We are forced to bring this war to an end through strength.

The reporter asked: A few days ago when Ayatollah Saduqi was received by the imam, he asked that the purges of departments and ministries be carried out as soon as possible. As prime minister, what decisions have you taken in this respect? The prime minister said: The bill concerning the restructuring of the departments passed from the Majlis and one of the deputy premiers, exactly in the way envisaged by the Majlis, has started organizing the affairs. They are formulating some regulations. A representative will be appointed by the prime minister's office to take part in the supervision committees. It is expected that this matter will continue on its usual course.

However, I feel that in addition to the activities of the restructuring commissions, there should be a spiritual transformation in the government departments. This will not be possible unless we can somehow take the revolution inside the departments. Concerning the replacement of the satanic order with an Islamic order, there are still some remnants of the satanic order in various corners of rooms and offices. Such relations still exist among the people in the departments. This is something that one feels has been started now, after Bani-Sadr fled [as heard]. This should be accelerated.

If it is accelerated and if the old order is replaced, then every person who does not work, who is a traitor or who is corrupt and the saboteurs will be naturally expelled from the departments. They will become the odd ones out and will be pressured by the system, because the administration itself will perform the function of supervision and will know who is trying to create obstacles in the path of the powerful chariot of the revolution. Once the system becomes sensitive to useless or traitorous individuals, our goal will have been achieved and a profound transformation will come about in the departments.

PARS: IRAQIS CONTINUE TO CENSOR NEWS OF DEFEAT

GF040924 Tehran PARS in English 1749 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Text] Tehran, 3 Dec (PARS NEWS AGENCY) -- On Tuesday, when the PARS correspondent in the southern city of Susangerd and a group of combatants of Islam were inspecting the liberated border town of Bostan, they encountered an Iraqi soldier who was walking towards the city as if he did not know that the area had been recaptured by the Iranians. The Iraqi soldier even asked the Iranian group what they were doing there and protested against his arrest. Even later, he could not believe that the area was no longer in the Iraqi hands. He said he was returning to his post after finishing his leave and he was going to join his unit. This soldier's unawareness about the recent Iraqi military defeat is a manifestation of the lack of organization in the Iraqi Army. The recent Tariq al-Quds operations (Quds Way) has so badly shattered the foundation of the Iraqi regime and army that similar examples of dispersion could be observed. Such an unawareness is also indicative of the fierce censorship ruling over the Iraqi press. Apparently the Iraqi soldier had believed the empty talks of Saddam claiming that the Iraqi Army had only suffered five casualties.

TELEVISION SHOWS FILM OF DOWNED IRAQI MIRAGE

GF040930 Tehran PARS in English 1822 3 Dec 81

[Text] Tehran, Dec 3 (PARS NEWS AGENCY) -- Iranian television tonight screened a film of the 22-year-old Iraqi pilot whose Mirage fighter bomber was shot down by Iranian Air Force fighters this morning in the south of Ahvaz. The pilot, Abd al-Ghani (?Suwayd) who had a broken leg, was transferred this afternoon to a Tehran hospital. A shot from his still burning French-made Mirage was shown to TV viewers while Arabic-speaking inhabitants of Ahvaz on the scene were shouting "Death to America." Foreign reporters currently touring the area of the Nov 29 victory of Iranian combatants in which the border fronts of Bostan were liberated visited the scene of the crash. This is the thirteenth Iraqi aircraft to be downed since Nov 29, yet Saddam is still claiming to have repulsed the Iranian offensive.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 717

LD031856 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Communique 717 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Oh God! Through your succor, the combative forces which follow the ideology of Islam are going to kick the last steps of righteousness on the chests of the infidel Saddamists who are on the borders of our Islamic homeland and stamp the seal of shame on the foreheads of the feeble invaders. Thanks be to you.

By offering congratulations to the imam of the Islamic nation, the great leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and to the noble nation of our homeland on the auspicious anniversary of the birth of Imam Musa Kazen [the seventh Shi'a imam], may peace be upon him, the brave heroes of the ground forces launched a series of successful operations at dawn today called "Struck by Zolfaqar" [Zarbat-e Zolfaqar; Zolfaqar was Iman 'Ali's sword]. We were assisted by our brother guards, by the popular armed forces and by the brave support of the self-sacrificing personnel of the Airborne Division. During these operations, our forces attacked the Saddamists mercenaries' positions near Neykhazar, smashing almost two infantry battalions trained to fight in the mountains and two commando companies belonging to the Iraqi invading armed forces. As a result, our forces brought another disgrace to the disintegrating enemy on this front.

During these operations, our powerful forces succeeded in either killing or wounding more than 400 troops belonging to the invading Iraqi Armed Forces. Our forces also burned and destroyed two personnel carriers and about 50 trenches and foxholes belonging to the enemy and hastened the annihilation of the Iraqi forces (?on this) front.

Our forces were also able to deliver fatal blows to the enemy on the Konjancham, Shur-e shirin, Anjireh and Malekshahi fronts. Our forces boosted the morale and the power of the combatants of Islam on the Western fronts by destroying 7 trenches for light and heavy weapons and by either killing or wounding more than 25 personnel of the forces of blasphemy.

According to a report communicated by the air force, two Mirage planes belonging to the Iraqi Armed Forces were caught violating Iranian airspace and were shot down by the fast flying fighters of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Our forces captured one of the pilots.

Battle continues on the Bostan fronts with our powerful forces' brave operations. Our combatants are consolidating their new positions on some of the region's fronts, and by fiercely defending these positions and returning the Saddamist mercenaries' fire, they are annihilating the remnants of the disintegrating Iraqi forces.

During the Bostan operations, 482 Iraqi prisoners of war were taken to the rear of battle-fronts.

On the fronts west of Dezful yesterday the powerful warriors of the ground forces were joined by the other forces of Islam in fiercely returning the enemy's fire. While guarding the positions and regions under their protection, they killed or wounded three of the aggressive Iraqi troops. Our forces also destoyed 1 122-mm gun, 1 ammunition depot, 11 trenches and foxholes and 1 truck belonging to the enemy. During a series of surprise operations, our forces were able to disperse one of the enemy's mechanized companies and inflict fatal blows.

The victorious combatants of the ground forces are bravely defending their positions on the Abadan fronts. By continuously firing on positions and supply points belonging to the enemy, our forces killed or wounded 23 Iraqi troops, halted the Iraqis' movement and destroyed several enemy trenches, positions and assembly places.

The combatants of the ground forces on the Western fronts opened artillery and heavy-weapon fire on enemy positions inflicting considerable loss and damage. In the Bajgiran region, about 10 trenches used by the Saddamist forces for light and heavy weapons were set on fire and destroyed. Several enemy vehicles and weapons were damaged in this region.

'COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES' KILLED IN SAR DASHT

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[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, the Public Relations Office of the Revolution Guards Corps has announced that Islamic warriors, comprising the army, the Revolution Guards Corps, Kurdish peshmerga and members of the Mobilization of the Oppressed, launched a coordinated assault yesterday and flushed out the counterrevolutionaries affiliated to illegal armed groups from the vicinity of Sar Dasht. In the course of the assault five rebels were killed and several others wounded. The Islamic warriors also managed to seize some weapons and ammunition from the counterrevolutionaries and capture some of them as well.

In another confrontation between the Islamic warriors and counterrevolutionaries in [name indistinct] village in Sanandaj 15 rebels, including two of their leaders, were killed.

WEAPONS SEIZED IN 'HYPOCRITES' HOUSE IN TEHRAN

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[Excerpt] Following the discovery of a safehouse in the Majidiyeh district of Tehran last night, an important ammunition depot belonging to the hypocrites organization was discovered in Tehran Pars [a housing estate west of Tehran]. The following items were seized from this den of corruption: 220 weapons, 10 light machineguns, 100 handgrenades, 80,000 rounds of ammunition and more than 120 kg of explosives, as well as some other equipment and weapons.

VOICE OF IRAN DECRIES KHOMEYNI-STYLE ISLAM EXPORT

NC031509 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian 1805 GMT 2 Dec 81

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Dear compatriots! Khomeyni, this mentally imbalanced old man of Jamaran, has once again forgotten all the crimes committed by his coterie, all the destruction in Iran, all the calamities stemming from his Yazidi [Yazid was the son of Mu'awiyan, an Ommiad caliph, on whose orders Imam Hoseyn was martyred] rule and has opened his mouth to advise other governments and nations. He has once again claimed: "We are with all the Islamic nations and countries and with all the oppressed people of the world. We consider them to be one with us and we are one with them." The meaning of this is that Mr Khomeyni does not consider himself as part of the Iranian nation, the Iranian country and the deprived people of Iran, and, while the nation that is living under the tortures of his turbaned G-3-armed executioners is cursing Khomeyni and the worshippers of Khomeyni, he is adhering to other Islamic nations and even forgets the rage felt by the Muslims of the world toward his tyrannical regime.

Khomeyni claims that since he has acted for God and is struggling in God's way, he does not need the personnel of others. He does not need endorsement by others. But he ignores the presence of hundreds of Syrian, Korean and Russian experts and Libyan and South Yemeni agents and forgets that his disgraceful propaganda network, with an unbelievable eagerness, is after the smallest report probably published in an unimportant Libyan newspaper [praising] Khomeyni and his mullahs.

Khomeyni sends the Iranian nation -- young and old, men, women and children -- to the firing squads of his hireling executioners and then impudently says: "We have acted for God and are killing for God." The plundering mullahs and his pillaging revolution guards are robbing the nation's wealth day and night.

They are aggressing against people's homes, taking their money by force and sending any protestor to the firing squad and then his excellency the imam warns the Muslim countries: "The imperialists want to rob you!"

This bloodthirsty antireligious old man who impudently calls himself and his wretched regime "the manifestation of Islam," advises the Muslim governments of the region not to go to the trouble of arraying their troops against Islam. He advises the heads of the Ba'th Party of Iraq to step down, but he says nothing about the criminal leaders of the Syrian Ba'th Party. People ask each other: If the Ba'th Party is the root of calamities, oppression, corruption and enmity among nations, then why is the Iraqi type only presented as being so evil? What difference is there between the Iraqi Ba'thists who have aggressed against our country and the Syrian Ba'thists, who, by infiltrating into the ranks of the sensitive cadres of the Iranian Armed Forces, have seized the destinies of the respectable Iranian soldiers and have set up an intelligence and information network? Is there a difference between the Western imperialism that has always wanted Iran's destruction and backwardness and has created regimes such as Khomeyni's tyrannical regime and Eastern imperialism that is sucking the blood of the nations and is pushing Iran further toward calamities by using servants like the Tudehs?

Mr Khomeyni, enough of lies, demagogy, and pretences of meekness and Islam. Enough of crimes and lies in the name of Islam, this religion of love and compassion. Mr Khomeyni, you advise Saddam that it is better for him to go to Paris and to form a government-in-exile with his friends -- meaning your own spiritual son the fugitive Bani-Sadr and Mas'ud Rajavi. Truly speaking, the Iranian nation, too, has a similar advice for you. But you should establish your Yazidi rule in a country like Libya or South Yemen, because the free atmosphere of Paris cannot tolerate bloodthirsty despots like you, and the experience of 3 years ago has made the free French nation once bitten twice shy. Mr Khomeyni, the Iranian nation sincerely advises you to pack up your rule of oppression, lies and hypocrisy before it is too late both for you and your big and small mullahs and go to a safe place like Libya, even though Al-Qadhdhafi is so villainous that he cannot be trusted. However, we know of no other better place for you.

RADIO REPORTS ON CLASHES IN AFGHANISTAN

LD031610 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Text] According to reports received from Afghanistan, during clashes between Afghan mujahidin and Soviet and Afghan Government forces in the village of (?Jas) in the district of Enjil, 1 Soviet tank and 2 cannons were destroyed and 50 Soviet occupiers and government forces were killed.

NEPAL

DPRK PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES, MEETS WITH THAPA

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[Text] Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa and Prime Minister of DPRK Yi Chong-ok held talks for about 90 minutes in Katmandu today. According to a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Thapa and the visiting DPRK dignitary discussed matters of mutual interest along with various topics of bilateral and international importance. Both sides emphasized the need to promote bilateral economic cooperation and expand trade for mutual benefit. Yi conveyed to Thapa his [words indistinct] on regional cooperation in South Asia.

Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa reiterated Nepal's stand on the issue of reunification of two Koreas and said that it should be achieved without any outside interference and through peaceful means. Nepal, it might be recalled, has made this point of view on the issue clear to both sides concerned.

The talks between the two leaders were held in an atmosphere of cordiality. They were assisted by senior officials in the Foreign Ministries of Nepal and the DPRK.

Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa has accepted an invitation to visit the DPRK. The invitation was extended to him today by visiting Premier of DPRK Yi Chong-ok during the talks he had with Thapa. The date of Thapa's visit will be fixed later.

The prime minister of the DPRK signed the visitors books at the Royal Palace today.

Earlier, on arrival in Katmandu this morning on a 4-day official visit to Nepal, Prime Minister of the DPRK Yi Chong-ok was elcomed by Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa at the Tribhuvan International Airport. A contingent of the Royal Nepalese Army presented a guard of honor to the DPRK premier.

Among those present at the airport to welcome the DPRK prime minister were the chief justice, the Rashtriya Panchayat chairman, the chairman of the Rajsabha standing committee, ministers, Rashtriya Panchayat members, ambassadors, office bearers of the Nepal-DPRK friendship association and other distinguished persons.

PRO-BEIJING STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE IN KATMANDU

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[Text] Katmandu, 30 Nov (AFP) -- About 5,000 pro-Beijing students belonging to the All-Nepal Free Nationalist Students' Union staged a strike today and later went round Katmandu city demanding the resignation of the home minister.

The students were protesting against the shooting of a leftist student at Biratnagar industrial township last Tuesday following a row between two factions of the students over the local campus election and accused the home minister of protecting the assailant.

The leftist group of students were carrying placards demanding the resignation of the home minister and calling for retaliation against the pro-democrat student's association.

Riot police followed the angry demonstrators but did not intervene.

The pro-Beijing students have had landslide victories in the recent election of the campus level students unions within and outside the Katmandu valley.

In the election at Biratnagar, the home town of deposed Premier B.P. Koirala, the democrat group of students however and won the election and the leftist students disagreed with the election result.

This sparked the row between the two opposing groups of students.

BRIEFS

FRG FINANCIAL AID ACCORD -- Katmandu, 18 Nov (AFP) -- West Germany has agreed to provide financial assistance of about Rs 147.5 million (Dm 25 million) to the Nepalese Government for agricultural development. An agreement was signed to this effect between the two governments at a function held in the Ministry of Finance Wednesday [18 November] afternoon. Out of the total assistance provided under the agreement Rs 102.66 million (Dm 17.4 million) will be utilized for the procurement of fertilizers; Rs 33.04 million (Dm 5.6 million) will be utilized for the high-quality agricultural products project; and the remaining Rs 11.8 million (Dm 2 million) will be utilized to establish a study and expert fund for the preparation of the projects to be implemented under financial cooperation. The financial cooperation agreement was signed by Mr Karna Dhoj Adhikary, secretary in the Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Nepalese Government and Dr Hans Henning Wolter, ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Nepal, and Dr Willi Ehmann, ministerial director, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation, on behalf of the German Government, it was officially announced over radio Nepal this evening. [Excerpt] [Hong Kong AFP in English 0211 GMT 18 Nov 81 BK]

SRI LANKA

PREMADASA DENIES GOVERNMENT BIAS TOWARD U.S.

BK031409 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Text] Prime Minister Premadasa told Parliament yesterday that the allegation by the opposition that Sri Lanka was biased toward the United States was baseless. He said Sri Lanka was nonaligned and that all the superpowers and other countries were its friends.

Rejecting the claim made by Laksman Jayakody, Attanagalla, that Sri Lanka has been extending harbor facilities to only the United States, he said that between 1975 and 1981, 53 Soviet vessels had called on our ports as against 30 from the United States. That itself, the prime minister declared, showed that the government was not extending facilities only to the Americans.

The prime minister was speaking during the committee stage discussions of the votes of the Defense Ministry which were later passed by the house.

BRIEFS

OIL DEAL WITH CHINA -- Sri Lanka has concluded a deal with China for the purchase of refined petroleum products, including base oil and wax. It will purchase Rs 220 million worth of base oil and Rs 20 million worth of wax. [Colombo SUN in English 20 Nov 81 p 1 BK]